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WHO would care to live in Mexico?

## BRITAIN IN UPROAR OVER VILLA'S COLDBLOODED AND BRUTAL MURDER OF SCOT

### BENTON MURDERED LIKE A DOG, SAYS TELEGRAM TO SENATOR FALL

Villa Boasting of Cold Blooded Crime; "Watchful Waiting" Failure, Says Indignant Message From Border City. Head in Senate Today; "New Assassination Has Horrified Even Dupes Captained by Execrable Bandit," Declares Mexico City Newspaper While Another Shudders at Refinement of Cruelty of Rebel Chief.

### HOT RESOLUTIONS DENOUNCE POLICY OF ADMINISTRATION AND PAINT VILLA IN BLACKEST COLORS

(By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.) Washington, D. C., Feb. 21.—A telegram from H. N. Dudley of El Paso, Texas, to Senator Fall, declaring Benton "was murdered like a dog," was read in the senate today at the request of Senator Fall. He also had read a telegram from the El Paso mass meeting.

"I am almost certain Villa did it in person," said the telegram from Dudley. "No evidence that Benton was the aggressor," added the Dudley telegram. "Everything shows it cold-blooded murder. Castillo, a guest of our government with safety from punishment. Villa boasting of his crime. Is there no protection anywhere? El Paso full of rebel officers. The business affairs of the rebellion openly done here. Watchful waiting a failure."

### NEW ASSASSINATION HORRIFIES, SAYS IMPARTIAL

Mexico City, Feb. 21.—The story of the execution of William S. Benton by the rebel Villa, is displayed today under large type headlines in all the Spanish and English newspapers.

El Imparcial labels it "The new assassination, which has horrified even the dupes captained by the execrable bandit."

It declares that Villa killed Benton in cold blood.

El Independiente refers to the crime as having been committed with "all the refinements of cruelty."

The leaders of the British colony are contemplating calling a mass meeting of British residents to make representations on the subject and to demand from their government more adequate protection for their countrymen residing in rebel territory.

### RESOLUTIONS ROAST "VACILLATING POLICY"

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 21.—The alleged disappearance of John Lawrence, an engineer of Yuma, Ariz., and a friend of his of the name Curtis, in Juarez last Wednesday, or whether they have disappeared at all, constituted a mystery today.

In Juarez officials denied that any such men had been detained. The American consul, Thomas E. Edwards, was officially informed that Gustav Bauch, who was reported executed as a spy last night, had merely been removed from the Lerdo street barracks, where he was held incommunicado, to another building, and the official was assured that probably he will be released in a day or two.

The accusations against Bauch, so far as could be learned, slimmered down during the trial to the charge that he had assisted in repairing locomotives for the federals. Bauch is a railroad mechanic.

If the statement to Edwards proves true and he is released, American refugees here say it will indicate that the indignation meeting held here last night to protest against the murder of William S. Benton by General Francisco Villa, influenced the rebel decision.

### A Significant Feature

The most significant feature of the mass meeting is said to be that it could be held at all with foreigners having interests in Mexico present. For three years they have avoided even the appearance of having an opinion on affairs south of the Rio Grande, except confidentially among themselves. Last night, stating that they realized what their new attitude might mean to their interests and possibly to their own lives should they attempt to return to Mexico, they showed themselves in the open where Villa's representatives, who were present, could recognize them. Among the Villistas in the audience was Dr. Lyman Raschbaum. The doctor, who is Villa's personal physician, today issued a signed statement declaring that the statement in the resolutions that Americans have been murdered in Mexico because of their nationality was untrue.

The resolutions, which condemned the attitude of the Washington government on Mexican affairs and denounced the state department of suppressing vital facts in the interests of a peace policy, were sent to President Wilson by telegraph last night. Copies were mailed to the British ambassador and to the senators from Texas and New Mexico.

Although Villa promised Consul Edwards that the grave of Benton would be marked, his location was still unknown to Benton's friends today. Meanwhile, Mrs. J. M. Patterson, sister of Bauch, taking her cue from the Benton case, is convinced that her brother has been killed. Purported friends of Curtis and Lawrence reiterated their belief that the Eng-

assassination of Mr. William S. Benton without any cause whatever other than the fact that he went to Juarez to protest against the confiscation of his property, 'Los Remedios' ranch in the northern Mexico which had been repeatedly looted, is but another crime to be added to the hundreds that have already been committed against all foreigners living in Mexico who have been driven from their homes, their property destroyed, in many cases women have been outraged and foreigners murdered in cold blood and for no other reason than on account of their nationality. We believe that the state department at Washington has persistently suppressed facts concerning the true conditions in Mexico and endeavored through inspired newspaper articles and by other means to mislead the American people and form public opinion for political purposes in support of a policy that is inimical to all foreign interests in Mexico and to the Mexican people themselves. In support of this statement we would call attention to a recent article in the New York World which purported to be a semi-official interview coming from the secretary of state's office and which stated that while a great many Americans had lost their lives in Mexico, not one had been murdered solely on account of his nationality. This statement we know to be absolutely false and we believe there are reports on file in the state department from our own consuls to the contrary. We recall in the last few months such cases as the assassination of Mr. Burton at Santa Rosalia, Mr. Hayes and Mr. Thomas at Matamoros, and Mr. Brooks in northern Chihuahua, and in every one of these cases they were most brutally murdered for no other reason than that they were American citizens.

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### 10-INCH RAINFALL IN ONLY THREE DAYS

Transportation Ceases, People Walk and Wade Miles to Work; Citrus Belt Sustains a Crushing Blow.

(By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.)

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 21.—Three days of unprecedented rainfall brought six southern California counties to a condition of complete prostration today. There were no street cars or railroad lines in service. High winds off the ocean prostrated wires and for hours today Los Angeles and surrounding territory within a radius of 200 miles were without power of telephone and telegraph service.

Five men and women have lost their lives in the floods since Wednesday. Great damage has been done by the storm waters which were the most menacing in the recorded history of the southern end of the state.

The heavy downpours of yesterday were followed by a torrential rain last night. This was succeeded by a day of high velocity, and all wires, telephone and telegraph and power lines supplying electricity to the city and suburban railways went down leaving practically every town and city in six counties in complete isolation.

The wind blew at the rate of 34 miles an hour in Los Angeles and 44 miles at San Diego. Similar velocities were recorded at Santa Barbara and other coast towns, although it escaped the heaviest rainfall, two great steel bridges collapsed. The usually dry beds of the Los Angeles river and of the Arroyo Seco carried racing streams which overwhelmed and demolished cottages and bungalows that stood upon their banks. All railroad lines, steam and electric, city and suburban, were helpless. Cars were halted in the streets, railroad trains stalled in the suburbs, and people walked and waded miles to work. Street car service was not restored here until 2:45 a. m.

In the towns of the citrus fruit belt citizens struggled to stem the floods which had already brought on great damage and were threatened with greater destruction.

The rainfall for the three days in Los Angeles was more than seven inches. At various points within a radius of 20 miles as much as ten inches fell, most of it during brief and frequent intervals, which sent torrents roaring.

The storm and resultant floods were the worst in the recorded history of southern California, according to weather bureau officials. No attempt has been made to estimate damage done because of the lack of authentic reports from outlying districts but it probably will amount up into the millions.

One man was drowned at Alhambra last night, and at Victorville, in the Mojave desert, a hurricane destroyed the home of Mrs. Grace Sprague who was killed in the collapse. At Huntington Beach, Bea Preston, a 23-year-old student at the university of Southern California became confused by the high wind and falling rain and stepped in front of a suburban car. She was instantly killed. The Los Angeles aqueduct stood the strain of the big flood but the water systems of several nearby towns sustained heavy damage, while the Hydr-

### Representatives of the Loyal Order of Moose Beach Albuquerque Today

Three Prominent Members of Order Arrive at 2 O'clock This Afternoon to Study Local Conditions and Advantages for Fraternity's Great Two Million Dollar Sanitarium for Tuberculosis; Commercial Club and Local Moose Lodge Entertain Visitors.

### COMMITTEE NOW EXPECTS TO SPEND SUNDAY IN ALBUQUERQUE

C. A. McGee of San Diego, Cal., Frank Monahan of San Francisco, and Dr. W. A. Park of New York, a special committee of the Grand Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose, reached Albuquerque at 2:15 this afternoon and were taken in hand

immediately by the reception committee of the Commercial Club and the Albuquerque Moose lodge, who will entertain them during their stay in the city and furnish them the information they are seeking regarding climatic and general conditions in Albuquerque and vicinity.

These three men, all nationally prominent in the work of the Moose Fraternity, are charged with the duty of recommending to the Grand Lodge a location for the proposed Moose sanitarium for members of the order afflicted with tuberculosis, and for the construction of which the Grand Lodge has voted to appropriate the sum of \$2,000,000.

The committee is now making a tour of the Rocky Mountain region in some part of which it has been determined to place the great institution. Already they have inspected several cities which have been suggested as locations for the sanitarium, coming direct to Albuquerque from Prescott, Ariz., which is one of the numerous candidates.

The committee had expected to reach Albuquerque next Thursday and at a meeting of arrangement committees in the Commercial Club last night, careful plans for the entertainment of the committee were formulated. These plans were totally disarranged this morning when a telegram was received from Mr. McGee announcing the arrival of the committee this afternoon. The club and Moose committees, however, quickly re-organized their plans and when the train bearing the committee reached Albuquerque this afternoon the visitors were welcomed by a committee of some fifty directors and members of the Commercial Club and officers and members of the Moose lodge.

The visitors were conducted at once to the Alvarado hotel where luncheon was served. They were accompanied at the meal by Dr. E. L. Huest, dictator of the local Moose lodge, Dr. W. T. Salmon, Dr. A. G. Shortle of the Shortle sanitarium, C. O. Cushman, J. B. Herndon, John Lee Clarke, directors of the Commercial Club, and others.

Immediately following luncheon the visitors were taken to a battery of automobiles which had been assembled by Mayor Sellers, and started on a tour of the city and vicinity in course of which they will visit the various sanitariums and a number of sites which have been suggested as available for the Moose institution. It is expected that the automobile trip will occupy the visitors until quite late this afternoon.

Plans for this evening and tomorrow have been left to the visitors, who, while they desire to make their inspection here as rapidly as possible, still wish to make it a thorough one. It is likely that they will remain here all day tomorrow, in which event a gathering of business men will be arranged for the Commercial Club for tomorrow afternoon. The members of the committee, however, were not ready to say definitely whether or not they could remain all of tomorrow, leaving that to be determined by how much could be accomplished this afternoon. Should they remain the plans for their entertainment tomorrow will be announced tomorrow morning.

### UNPRONOUNCEABLE COUNT ACQUIRED OF DOUBLE KILLING

(By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.) Morris, Germany, Feb. 21.—Count Matthias Brudzewski-Mischynski, Polish aristocrat and member of the German imperial parliament, was accidentally shot and killed by a man-slaughter of his wife and her nephew, Count Alfred Mischynski.

The tragedy occurred on December 20 last at Dabow, Mokra, the county seat of the countless near Graz, and attracted wide attention on account of the social prominence of those concerned. The count shot both his wife and her nephew dead on finding them together at 4 o'clock in the morning in the countess' apartments. After the shooting the count voluntarily waived his parliamentary immunity in order to permit his trial to take place.

### \$5,000 Reward for Murderous Holdups

Great Northern Railroad Officials Seek Bandits Who Shot Three Passengers to Death on Train.

(By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.) Bellingham, Wash., Feb. 21.—A reward of \$5,000 for each of three highwaymen, dead or alive, who held up a Great Northern passenger train at Samish, fifteen miles from here, shooting to death three passengers, was authorized today by railroad officials. An effort was made today to put bloodhounds on the trail taken last night by the bandits after the holdup. The only clue is three overcoats left in a car by the men.

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"Our is strictly a business trip," said Mr. McGee to a Herald reporter this afternoon. "We are charged with a considerable duty in recommending the location of the Moose sanitarium, and what we are seeking to do is to make a thorough investigation in every city and of every site in every city which seems available. While we wish to conclude our work as quickly as possible, we do not wish to be unduly hasty and will give all the time to Albuquerque that seems necessary to us and to those in charge of its white here."

"At Prescott, where we were yesterday, we arrived at noon and completed our investigation very satisfactorily by midnight. It may require more time here. Our intention had been to get to Albuquerque next Thursday, but the floods in California totally destroyed the schedule we had planned; hence our sudden change in dates."

At the start this afternoon the party went first to the mesa, where considerable time was spent. They also visited the sanitarium and will be taken over the city and as far up and down the valley as possible. Following the dinner tonight at the Alvarado, the program during the remainder of their stay here will rest with the wishes of the committee-men.